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Dear Sir:

The references listed below were cited in an International (PCT) Search Report dated October 3, 1996, directed to the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US 96/05639. A copy of the Search Report, including an indication of the purported relevance of the cited documents, is included herewith. Copies of the references and a completed PTO-1449 form are also submitted. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the application. The references include:

International (PCT) Patent Publication No. WO 95/05738 (03/02/95).

Hickish et al., "Ultrastructural localization of BHRF1: An Epstein-Barr virus gene product which has homology with bcl-2" *Cancer Research* (1994) 54:2808-2811.

Tarodi et al., "Epstein-Barr virus BHRF1 protein protects against cell death induced by DNA-damaging agents and heterologous viral infection" *Virology* (1994) 201:404-407.

International (PCT) Patent Publication No. WO 95/15084 (06/08/95).

The Examiner is requested to note that the remaining references listed on the enclosed Search Report were previously disclosed in Information Disclosure Statements dated November 7, 1995 or March 23, 1995, 1995, both directed to the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, copies of these references are not enclosed herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before receipt of the first Office Action on the Merits. Therefore, the undersigned believes that no fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this paper to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**.

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